

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 16-20 are all of the claims currently pending in this application.

Claims 1, 3-10 and 16-30 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-7 of co-pending U.S. Serial No. 10/326,118. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of the following remarks.

Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in order to overcome the provisional double patenting rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection based on U.S. Serial No. 10/326,118.

In view of the preceding remarks and the attached Terminal Disclaimer, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby earnestly solicited. If any points remain in issue that the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below.

RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION
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Respectfully submitted,

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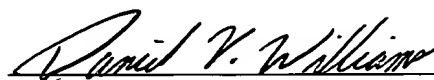
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